Amendments to the Claims

1.   (Currently Amended) An electronic cash register system comprising:

a video controller, a display and an electronic cash register,

wherein said video controller comprises:

a first memory which stores a total number of sold articles for each of a plurality of preceding unit intervals consecutively arranged, the total of the respective numbers of sold articles for the consecutive preceding unit intervals being sent from the electronic cash register;

a second memory which stores a total number of stocked articles at a time just after each of said preceding unit intervals;

a third memory which stores a total number of pending articles to be prepared at a time just after each of said preceding unit intervals;

a fourth memory which stores an average number of articles sold for a prior interval including the consecutive preceding unit intervals using said first memory, the average number of articles denoting an average of the total of the respective numbers of sold articles for the consecutive preceding unit intervals;

a predicting unit which predicts a total number of desired articles, which is are necessary after a predetermined interval succeeding the consecutive preceding unit intervals, in accordance with the total number of sold articles obtained by the first memory for the last preceding unit, the total number of stocked articles obtained by the second memory at the time after the last preceding unit, the total number of pending articles obtained by the third memory at the time after the last preceding unit and the average number of articles obtained by the fourth memory; and

a display control unit which controls the display to display the number of articles predicted by the predicting unit.

2.   (Withdrawn) An electronic cash register system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said order data further includes a type of said articles and said display controller further comprises:

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specifying means response to an operation by a user for specifying each type of said articles as to whether the number of each type of said articles is predicted by said prediction means.

3.   (Withdrawn) An electronic cash register system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said order data further includes a type of said articles and said display controller further comprises: setting means for setting the tentative number of each type of said articles, which is used by said prediction means until said fourth means can obtain the average number of articles sold for said interval.

4.   (Withdrawn) An electronic cash register system as claimed in claim 3, wherein said display controller further comprises: a plurality of setting means, each for setting the different prospective number of each type of said articles, which is used by said prediction means until said fourth means can obtain the average number of articles sold for said interval, and selecting means for selectively supplying to said fourth means the different prospective number of each type of said articles from one of said setting means selected in accordance with a condition.

5.   (Withdrawn) An electronic cash register system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said display controller further comprises a maximum number setting means for setting and storing the maximum number for said articles, wherein said displaying means displays said result when the number of articles does not exceed said maximum number and displays said maximum number of said articles when said result exceeds said maximum number.

6.   (Withdrawn) An electronic cash register system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said display controller further comprises:
       second displaying means for displaying data of articles ordered from said electronic cash register;

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